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Cuyahoga Valley National Park News Release

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The Frank Vignola Trio Brings Gypsy Jazz and More to Stage Three stellar guitarists known for jaw-dropping performances

Brecksville, Ohio - The enormously talented jazz ensemble the *Frank Vignola Trio* takes to the stage at Happy Days Lodge as part of the Cuyahoga Valley Heritage Series. The show begins at 8 p.m. on Friday, March 23, 2012 in Cuyahoga Valley National Park (CVNP). Doors open at 7 p.m. The trio's performance is presented by the National Park Service and the Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park, celebrating the cultural legacy of the Cuyahoga Valley. The series is sponsored by Courtyard Marriott-Akron/Stow, 89.7 WKSU, Lloyd L. & Louise K. Smith Foundation, and Cable 9.

Advance sales are available until 3 p.m. on Friday for that weekend's show by calling 330-657-2909. You can create your own subscription series—enjoy three great Cuyahoga Valley Heritage Series concerts for one low price! No cash refunds, but tickets may be exchanged up to 10 days before the concert. Series prices: \$45 adults, \$30 Conservancy members, and \$15 children ages 3 - 12.

One of the most highly sought after acoustic guitarists, Frank Vignola has demonstrated his mastery of every genre from fusion and commercial pop jazz to hard bop, post-bop, swing, rock, and blues. Named by jazz guitar legend Les Paul as one of the top five guitarists of all time, Vignola has toured and recorded with Bucky Pizzarelli, Les Paul, Lionel Hampton, Ringo Starr, Madonna, David Grisman, and Mark O'Connor.

Joining Vignola are critically acclaimed guitarists Vincent Raniolo, and Glenn Tosto. The *Frank Vignola Trio* shatters the barriers between popular music and traditional jazz to create a powerful new acoustic string music experience. Their amazing virtuosity mixes high-energy, unique renditions of famous classical pieces, great American popular songs, and contemporary tunes.

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Happy Days Lodge, located at 500 West Streetsboro Road (State Route 303) in Peninsula 44264, 1 mile west of State Route 8, is a restored Civilian Conservation Corps structure that provides a rustic ambiance for folk and traditional concerts, theater, lectures, and special event rentals. For more information on rentals, call the Conservancy at 330-657-2909 ext. 119.

The Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park is a nonprofit organization created to engage public support for the park and provide services to enhance public use and enjoyment of the park. For more information about the Conservancy and its membership program, visit www.conservancyforcvnp.org or call 330-657-2909.

CVNP encompasses 33,000 acres along the Cuyahoga River between Cleveland and Akron, Ohio. Managed by the National Park Service, CVNP combines cultural, historical, recreational, and natural activities in one setting. For more information visit www.nps.gov/cuva or www.dayinthevalley.com or call 330-657-2752 or 800-257-9477.

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